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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I strongly oppose the USTelecom forbearance petition. Both as a home-based business owner (recently retired) and a homeowner and consumer, broadband has been essential for my household. I receive DSL Internet and phone service at fair pricing through a local competitive provider that supports my privacy, is committed to net neutrality standards, offsets its electricity consumption by using solar energy, and never tries to upsell me into purchasing expensive and unnecessary services. This local provider is in the process of rolling out gigabit fiber service in my area, and I'm especially eager now to continue being able to benefit from a competitive industry structure so that I can take advantage of this new service from a provider that I trust and support.

Thank you for noting my comment.

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